

# Central University of Orissa observed Gandhi Jayanti & International Day of Non-violence

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The Gandhi Jayanti & the International Day of Non-violence was observed by the Central University of Orissa, Koraput at its permanent campus at Sunebeda in a befitting manner to mark the 146<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi. The programme was inaugurated by chief guest Prof. Sachidananda Mohanty, Vice-Chancellor of the University by lighting the lamp and offering flowers at the portrait of Mahatma Gandhi followed by a group song, the favourite song of Gandhiji "Baishnav Jana" was song by the students of the University.

A pledge received from the Gandhi Peace Foundation, was administered by the Vice-Chancellor. The Vice-Chancellor gave importance to the way of life, thought and activities of Gandhiji and present society in his address. The thought of non-violence has been appreciated by the whole world and recognised by the UN and in turn the UN has declared that the 2<sup>nd</sup> October the Birthday of Mahatma Gandhi will be observed as International Day of Non-violence. "The ridicule revolution represented by Gandhiji should be started from local regions such as Koraput rather from any metro city" Prof. Mohanty said while speaking on the occasion. He also spoke about the quality of life, self respect, purification of soul, village development and sustainable development which are the basic philosophy of Gandhi. While speaking on community development he said "I believe the thought of Gandhiji on local development, if you can understand the local then you can understand the global. The University has already adopted five tribal villages in Koraput for their development. We will provide them with education and we can learn from them as well"

Dr. Sarat Kumar Palita, Dean, School of Biodiversity and Conservation of Natural Resources has stressed on the thought of Gandhiji on sustainable development, protection of environment and community development in his welcome address while Prof. Kishore Chandra Raut, Dean-Academic explained on Mantras of non-violence and fight against the British rule in his address.







Essay competition was organised in three languages on 30<sup>th</sup> September on the topic of Parivesha Sachetanata O Gandhiji in Odia language, "Paryavaraniy Chetna Aur Gandhiji" in Hindi language and Environmental Consciousness and Gandhiji in English language on the eve of Gandhi Jayanti and International Day of Nonviolence. Winners of each category were awarded a certificate of merit on this occasion by the Vice-Chancellor.

Mahatma Gandhiji was not an ordinary human being but he was a enlighten soul one with the cosmic energy" Colonel Rajive Singh Chauhan, Registrar of the University said while giving vote of thanks. Among the Students, teaching staff and nonteaching staff, Mr. N.K. Aktaruzzaman, Finance Officer; , Dr. Muralidhar Tady, Controller of Examinations Prof. Chittaranjan Kar, Dean, School of languages of the University were present on the occasion. The Programme was coordinated and organised by Dr. Phagunath Bhoi, Public Relations Officer of the University. After the programme sweets were distributed among the students of the University. The Programme was compared by two students Kranti Titikhsya Samal and Subhashree Sahu.



(Colonel RS Chauhan)  
Registrar